

Hazard Hold Timer Instructions

Overview – Hazard Hold Timer has 3 jobs:

1. **Announce the approach of every competitor.** Which means you can't just focus on the competitor in the hazard!
 - Alert the Hazard Team by calling: **"Horse Coming"**
 - Alert spectators calling: **"Horse On Course! Clear the Course!"**
And pointing the direction spectators should go.

2. **Your primary job is to prevent a competitor from entering the hazard if it is not clear.** Stay sharp, it happens very quickly!
 - Usually your Hazard Observer will tell you "Hold Up". But some times you are on your own to act.
 - **Assertively stop** competitor at least 50m before the hazard:
 1. Raise red flag and stand in the driver's line of sight
 2. Call: **"Hold Up! Hold Up!"** and start your stopwatch
 3. **Don't risk getting run over.**
 - The competitor can keep driving around but they can't get closer to the hazard than where you stopped them. You will restart them from where you stopped them.
 - Restart competitor when your Hazard Observer tells you to:
 1. **Pick a even whole or ½ minute at least 30 seconds ahead,**
Example: Your watch says 1:49:35 when hazard clears. Pick an even ½ minute about 30 seconds ahead (2:30:00) as the best hold time
 2. Tell the competitor how long they were held and when they will restart. : **"You will start in about 30 seconds and your total hold time will be 2 minutes and 30 seconds."**
 3. Give at least a 10 second countdown. At 2:10:00 say **"20 seconds to go."** At 2:20 say **"10,9,8,etc."**
 - Record the Holdup Time on your Hold Timer Sheet.
 - Call Holdup Time to Hazard Observer for recording on scoresheet

3. **Your third job is to watch an assigned set of "gates" outside the hazard** to assure that competitors pass thru them in the right order. If they do not, record their number and what happened on your clipboard and give that information to your Hazard Observer as soon he/she is free. Your assigned gates are:
